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If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{5x^2 + 14xy + 5y^2} + \sqrt{5y^2 + 14zy + 5z^2} + \sqrt{5z^2 + 14xz + 5x^2} \leq 2\sqrt{6}(x + y + z)$$

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Lemma:

$$\forall a, b > 0, \sqrt{5a^2 + 14ab + 5b^2} \leq \sqrt{6}(a + b)$$

Proof:

We need to show:

$$\sqrt{5a^2 + 14ab + 5b^2} \leq \sqrt{6}(a + b)$$

$$5a^2 + 14ab + 5b^2 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\leq} 6(a + b)^2$$

$$5a^2 + 14ab + 5b^2 \leq 6(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)$$

$$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } (a - b)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

$$\sqrt{5x^2 + 14xy + 5y^2} + \sqrt{5y^2 + 14zy + 5z^2} + \sqrt{5z^2 + 14xz + 5x^2} =$$

$$= \sum \sqrt{5x^2 + 14xy + 5y^2} \stackrel{\text{lemma}}{\leq} \sum \sqrt{6}(x + y) = 2\sqrt{6}(x + y + z)$$

Equality holds for $x=y=z$.